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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: IDRIS ABDUS SABER, Debtor	) ) )	Chapter 13 Case No. 25-11841-amc
Idris Abdus-Saber,		
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
Navy Federal Credit Union,	)	Adversary Proceeding No.: 25-00150-amc
Defendant.		

## MOTION TO STRIKE DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS AS PROCEDURALLY BARRED UNDER RULE 55(c)

Plaintiff seeks to strike Defendant's July 1, 2025 Motion to Dismiss as improper under Rule 55(c), as no motion to set aside default has been filed and default judgment remains pending. Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and controlling case law, a party in default may not file a substantive motion unless and until the default is lifted by court order.

Plaintiff Idris Abdus-Saber respectfully moves this Court to strike Defendant Navy Federal Credit Union's Motion to Dismiss Adversary Complaint, filed on July 1, 2025 (ECF #10), and in support states as follows:

1. On May 19, 2025, Plaintiff served the adversary complaint on Defendant Navy Federal Credit Union ("NFCU") by CM/ECF and U.S. Mail, as reflected in the certificate of service.

- 2. Under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7012(a), Defendant's answer or other responsive pleading was due no later than June 18, 2025.
- NFCU did not answer or otherwise respond by the June 18 deadline. On June 20, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Request for Entry of Default (ECF #7) and a Motion for Default Judgment (ECF #8), pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a)-(b).
- 4. On June 27, 2025, NFCU filed a Notice of Appearance (ECF #9), but still did not respond to the adversary complaint or seek relief from default.
- On July 1, 2025, NFCU filed a Motion to Dismiss Adversary Complaint or
   Abstain (ECF #10). However, this filing is procedurally improper and untimely.
- 6. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(c), made applicable by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, a party in default may not proceed with substantive motions, including a motion to dismiss, unless the party first obtains relief from default by filing a Rule 55(c) motion to set aside the default. See O'Rourke v. Smithsonian Inst. Press, 399 F.3d 113, 122 (2d Cir. 2005) (court may strike filings made in contravention of procedural rules); see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f).
- 7. NFCU has not filed a Rule 55(c) motion, nor has the Court set aside the default entered based on Defendant's failure to plead or otherwise defend.
- Permitting NFCU to proceed with a motion to dismiss while in default would undermine the orderly administration of adversary proceedings and render Rule 55(c) meaningless.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court strike Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Adversary Complaint as procedurally barred unless and until the

Court grants relief from default under Rule 55(c), and grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 2, 2025

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Idris Abdus-Saber, Plaintiff, v. Navy Federal Credit Union, Defendant.	) ) ) Adversary Proceeding No.: 25-00150-amc
	<u>ORDER</u>
AND NOW, this day of	_, 2025, upon consideration of Plaintiff's
Motion to Strike Defendant's Motion to Di	ismiss Adversary Complaint (ECF #10), and
for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDER	RED that:
1. Plaintiff's Motion is GRANTED;	
	Complaint or Abstain, filed by Navy Federal KEN from the record as procedurally
3. The Court shall proceed with adjud Judgment.	licating Plaintiff's pending Motion for Default
BY THE COURT:	
Hon. Ashely M. Chan	
United States Bankruptcy Judge	

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Idris Abdus-Saber, hereby certify that on July 2, 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the Motion to Strike Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Adversary Complaint, together with the Proposed Order, to be served via the Court's CM/ECF system and by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, upon:

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